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SUBJ: SUGGESTED GUIDANCE FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON KHMER
RESOLUTION

1. EMBASSY NOTES IN UNROUNDUP SECTION OF USIA WIRELESS
FILE FOR DECEMBER 3 THAT A US SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED ABOUT
THE US INTERPRETATION OF THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
OF THE KHMER RESOLUTION, 3238 (XXIX), WHICH CALLS
UPON QUOTE ALL THE POWERS WHICH HAVE BEEN INFLUENCING THE
TWO PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES FOR
CINCILIATION BETWEEN THESE TWO PARTIES WITH A VIEW TO
RESTORING PEACE IN CAMBODIA UNQUOTE. ACCORDING TO THE WIRE-
LESS FILE REPORT, THE US SPOKESMAN DECLINED TO RESPOND TO
THE QUESTION, PRESUMABLY FOR LACK OF PRIOR GUIDANCE ON THIS
SUBJECT.

2. SINCE OUR PAST PUBLIC POSTURE, AND THAT OF THE GKR, ON
THE SUBJECT OF SEEKING CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE KHMER
PARTIES IS OUTSTANDING, WE BELIEVE WE OUGHT TO BE CAPITALI-
ZING ON THAT RECORD TO INDICATE TO WORLD OPINION THAT WE ON
THIS SIDE ARE ALREADY ACTING IN FULL CONFORMITY WITH THE
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UNGA RESOLUTION. THEREFORE WE SEE POSITIVE BENEFIT THAT

WOULD ACCRUE FROM A CANDID AND FULL RESPONSE TO A FUTURE INQUIRY SUCH AS THE ONE ADDRESSED TO THE US SPOKESMAN, PERHAPS ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

BEGIN QUOTE.

SINCE IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN SUPPORTING THE KHMER REPUBLIC WITH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE, IT IS A REASONABLE ASSUMPTION THAT THE FIRST OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION IS ADDRESSED IN PART TO THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING THE GKR, AND IN PART TO THE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE SUPPORTED THE GRUNK AND ASSISTED IT TO CARRY ON THE INSURGENCY IN CAMBODIA. AS FAR AS USING OUR GOOD OFFICES IS CONCERNED, WE SEE NO NEED TO URGE THE GKR TOWARD CONCILIATION WITH THE OTHER SIDE SINCE THE GKR ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS HAS PUBLICLY EXPRESSED ITS GENUINE WISH TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE OTHER SIDE WITHOUT PRIOR CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO FIND A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE CAMBODIAN CONFLICT.

THIS WISH TO RESTORE PEACE TO CAMBODIA THROUGH CONCILIATION BETWEEN THE TWO KHMER SIDES WAS MOST RECENTLY REITERATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN HIS NOVEMBER 30 SPEECH RESPONDING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE UNGA RESOLUTION. IN THE SAME ADDRESS HE EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL TO VISIT THE KHMER REPUBLIC IN FURTHERANCE OF THE MANDATE GIVEN HIM BY THE UNGA RESOLUTION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT A FORMAL INVITATION IN THE SAME SENSE HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO MR. WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC.

IN VIEW OF THESE ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN BY THE PARTY TO THE CAMBODIAN CONFLICT SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES, THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO NECESSITY FOR US AT THIS TIME TO RECOMMEND TO THEM FURTHER STEPS IN THE DIRECTION OF A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT. WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS GOAL AND THE CONCILIATORY STEPS TOWARDS

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ITS ACHIEVEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY ENUNCIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC. WE WOULD WELCOME AND APPLAUD ANY EFFORTS BY THOSE POWERS WHICH HAVE INFLUENCE WITH THE OTHER SIDE TO PROMOTE AN EQUALLY CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE BY THEM, IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE RESTORATION OF PEACE IN CAMBODIA, AS CALLED FOR BY THE UNGA RESOLUTION.

END QUOTE.

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